Articles,

whereupon it was agreed by the moſt reuerend father in God the Archbiſhop of Canterbury, & other the Biſhops & the whole Cleargie of the prouince of Canterbury, in the conuocation or ſynode holden at Weſtminſter by Prorogation, in the yeere of our Lorde God, after the computation of the Church of Englande, one thouſande, fiue hundred, ſeuentie fiue, touchyng thadmiſſion of apt and fytte perſons to the Miniſterie, and theſtabliſhyng of good orders in the Churche.

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That none shalbe made Deacon 1
or minister hereafter, but only
suche as shal fyrste bryng to the
Bishop of that Diocesse, from
men knowne to the same By-
shop to be of sounde religion, a
testimoniall both of his honest
lyfe, and of his professyng the
doctrine expressed in the Articles of religion, which
concerne the confession of the true Christian fayth,
and the doctrine of the Sacramentes, comprysed in
a booke imprynted, intituled, Articles, whereupon it
was agreed by the Archbishops and Bishops of both
prouinces, and the whole Cleargie in the conuoca-
tion holden at London, in the yere of our Lord. 1562
for the auoydyng of the diuersities of opinions, and
for the establishyng and consent touching true reli-
gion, put foorth by the Queenes auctoritie. And
whiche also shal then be able to answere and render
to the same Byshop an accompt of his fayth in La-
tine, agreeable & consonant to the said articles, and
shal fyrst subscribe to the said articles. And that eue-
ry such Deacon shalbe of the age of. xxiii. yeeres, and
shal continue in that office the space of a whole yeere
at the least, before he be admitted to ỹ order of priest-
hood, and euery suche Minister shalbe of the ful age
of. xxiiii. yeeres. And that neyther of those orders
shalbe geuen, but only vpon a Sunday or Holyday,
and in the face of the Churche, and in suche maner
and fourme, & with al suche other circumstances, as
are appoynted by the booke intituled, The fourme
and manner of makyng and consecratyng Bishops,
Priestes, and Deacons....

2 Item, that no Byshop shall geue eyther of the sayde orders to any that be not of his owne dioceſſe, (other then graduates, reſiaunte in eyther of the Vniuerſities) vnleſſe they be dimitted vnder the hand and ſeale of that Byſhop of whoſe dioceſſe they are. and not vpon letters dimiſſary of any Chauncelour, or other officer to any Byſhop.

3 Item, that vnlearned Miniſters heretofore made by any Byſhops, ſhal not hereafter be admitted to any cure or ſpirituall function, accordyng to the Queenes Maieſties Iniunction in that behalfe, for which purpoſe the Byſhop ſhall cauſe ſtraight and diligent examination to be vſed in the admiſſion of al Curates to the charge of any cure.

4 Item, that diligent inquiſition be made in euery dioceſſe for al ſuch as haue forged or counterfaite letters of orders, that they may be depoſed by the Commiſſioners eccleſiaſtical.

5 Item, that the Byſhops by theyr letters do certifie one to another the names of ſuche counterfayte Miniſters, to the ende they be not ſuffred to ſerue in any other dioceſſe.

6 Item, that frō henceforth none ſhalbe admitted to any orders eccleſiaſtical, vnleſſe he do preſently ſhew to the Byſhop a true preſentation of hym ſelfe, to a benefice then voyde within the dioceſſe or iuriſdiction of the ſayde Byſhop, or vnleſſe he likewiſe ſhewe to the ſaid Biſhop a true certificate, where preſently he may be placed to ſerue ſome cure within the ſame dioceſſe

dioceſſe or iuriſdiction, or vnleſſe he be placed in ſome Cathedrall or collegiate Church, or Colledge, or vnleſſe the Byſhop ſhall foorthwith place him in ſome vacant benefice or cure, or vnleſſe he be knowen to haue ſufficient patrimonie or lyuelode of his owne.

Item, that none ſhalbe admitted to any dignitie or benefice with cure of ſoules, vnles he be qualified accordyng to the tenor of the fyrſt article: and yf any ſuche dignitie or benefice be of the yeerely value of thirtie poundes or aboue, in the Queenes bookes, vnleſſe he ſhalbe a doctor in ſome facultie, or a Batcheler of diuinite at the leaſt, or a preacher, lawfully allowed by ſome Byſhyp within this realme, or by one of the Vniuerſities of Cambridge or Oxforde, and ſhal geue open tryal of his preachyng before the Byſhop or Ordinary, or ſome other learned men appoynted by him, before his admiſſion to ſuch dignitie or benefice: and neuertheleſſe, where the ſtipends or liuinges be very ſmall, there to chooſe and admit of the beſt that can be found in ſuch caſe of neceſſitie. 7

Item, that al licenſes for preachyng, graunted out by any Archbiſhops or Biſhops within the prouince of Canterburie, bearyng date before the eight of February. 1575. be voyde and of none effect: and neuertheleſſe, al ſuche as ſhalbe thought meete for that office, to be admitted agayne without difficultie or charge, paying nothing for the ſame. 8

Item, that euery Byſhop take order, that all ſuche preachers within his dioceſſe, do earneſtly and with diligence 9

gence teach theyr auditours sound doctrine of fayth and true religion, and continually exhort them to repentance and amendement of lyfe, that they may bryng forth the fruites of fayth and charitie, and be liberall in almes and other good deedes commaunded by Gods word. And that none be admitted to be a preacher, vnlesse he be first a Deacon at the least.

10 Item, that euery Bishop in his diocesse, shal with all expedition take order that the Catechisme allowed, be diligently taught to the youth in euery paryshe Churche, and that the Homilies (where no sermons be had) be duely read in order, as they be prescribed, euery Sunday and Holyday.

11 Item, that euery Bishop shall lykewyse take order within his diocesse, that euery Parson, Vicar, Curate, and stipendarie priest, beyng vnder the degree of a Maister of Arte, and beyng no preacher, shall prouide & haue of his owne, within two monethes after warning geuen to him or them, the new testament, both in Latine and Englishe, or Welshe, and shal conferre daily one Chapter of the same, the Latine and Englishe or Welshe togeather. And that Archdeacons, Commissaries, and Officials in theyr synodes and visitations, shall by theyr discretion appoynt to euery of the sayde Parsons, Vicars, Curates, and stipendarie priestes, some certayne tale of the newe Testament to be conde without booke, or otherwise to be trauailed in, as shalbe thought most conuenient to the said Archdeacons, Commissaries, or Officials: and shal exact a rehearsal of the same, and examine them howe they haue profited in the

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ſtudie therof, at their next ſynodes and viſitations, or ſuche other time or tymes, as to them ſhalbe thought meete.

Item, that from henceforth there be no commutation of any penance, by any hauing ordinary iuriſdiction eccleſiaſtical, or any their officers or deputies, into any mulcte pecuniarie, vnleſſe the ſame be done vpon great and vrgent cauſes by the conſent of the Biſhop of the dioceſſe, declared in writing, and vnder his hande and ſeale. 12

Item, that al Archdeacons, & others which haue ordinarie iuriſdiction eccleſiaſticall, & their officers and deputies, ſhall call before them all ſuche perſon and perſons, as ſhalbe detected or preſented before them, or any of them, of any eccleſiaſticall crime or fault, and ſhall vſe all meanes by lawe preſcribed, to conuince and puniſhe ſuche as be founde to be offenders, effectually, vpon payne of ſuſpention from his or their office. 13

God ſaue the Queene.

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